

## Continuum of Care: Fiscal Workgroup Meeting Agenda

Meeting Title	Date	Time	Location
Continuum of Care: The Roadmap to Reform	09/06/12	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	CDSS OB 9, Room 203

### PURPOSE OF MEETING

Convene the Fiscal Workgroup for the Continuum of Care initiative.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role	Name
Facilitators	Cora Dixon, Bureau Chief, Assistant Co-Chair
Scribe	Fanita Polk-Reaves, SGA I, Policy and Support

### ATTENDEES

X	Name	X	Name
X	Sue Diedrich, CDSS, Legal Staff Counsel	X	Adam Reed, EMQ, Foster Youth
X	Linda Orozco, CDSS, Fiscal Policy	X	Josef Gray, EMQ Families First, Youth Advocate
X	Bonni Yamamoto, CDSS, Fiscal Policy	X	Shelton Dent, DDS, Rates
X	Laurie Burkholder, CDSS, Estimates	X	Sharon Blakeman, CDSS, Bureau Chief, Financial Svcs.
X	Dana Delmastro, CDSS, Estimates	X	Lance William, EMQ, Foster Youth
X	Debra Samples, US/DHHS/ACFR9, Federal CW Fiscal	X	Angela Valdez, CDSS/CCLD, Program Manager, Licensing
X	Donna Richardson, CDSS, Bureau Chief, Estimates	X	Brenda Usher, CDSS, Integrated Svc, Wraparound
X	Chris Reeve, ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE, Legislature	X	Casey Blake, SF HHS, Foster Care Eligibility
X	Jennifer Troia, SENATE COMMITTEE, Budget & Fiscal	X	Diana Boyer, CWDA, County Policy & Budget Analysis
X	Eric Harper, LAO, Fiscal Policy	X	Doug Johnson, CA ALLIANCE, Foster Care Payments
X	Ray Thomas, CDSS, SGA I, Audits	X	Kathy Watkins, San Bernardino County, RBS MOU
X	Nancy Littlefield, CDSS, SSM I, Rates	X	Sheilah Dupuy, CDSS, Bureau Chief, ICPC
X	Rebekah Best, CDSS, SSM I, Funding and Eligibility	X	Caroline Caton, CDSS, Wraparound MH Services
X	Lynn Maschmeyer, CDSS, Rates	X	Nina Dyba, CDSS, ILP Policy
X	Cheryl King, CDSS, SSM I, Rates Policy	X	Linda Hall, CDSS, Fiscal Policy
X	Didi Okamoto, CDSS, Branch Chief, Fiscal Claiming, Accting	X	Cora Dixon, CDSS, Bureau Chief, Program & Finan. Audit
X	Vince Richardson, CDSS, Rates Research	X	Gayle Hermann, Shasta County Probation (Phone)
X	Fanita Polk-Reaves, CDSS, SGA I, Policy and Support	X	Dave Mitchell, Los Angeles County Probation (Phone)

### AGENDA

	Agenda Item	Presenter	Time
1	Welcome and Introduction/Review Agenda & Packet Materials	All	15
2	Elect non-CDSS Co-Chair	Cora	20

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3	Complete Workgroup roster; each member identify expertise/experience	All	5
4	Review/Revise the Scope of Work	Cora	20
5	Establish next workgroup meeting date and modality	Cora	5
6	Establish first workgroup meeting objective	All	5
7	Develop first meeting agenda items	All	5
8	Identify workgroup roles and responsibilities	All	5
9	Closing and prepare for report out	Cora	10

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### MEETING MINUTES FROM 9/6/2012 MEETING

- Elect non-CDSS Co-Chair:  
Doug Johnson was nominated as non-CDSS Co-Chair by Kathy Watkins. He was voted Co-Chair by majority vote.
  
- Review/Revise the Scope of Work:
  1. We need to ensure that there is a continuum of care that allows for the matching of children's needs with the placements.
  2. We need to ensure that funding purchases and supports the desired outcomes.
  3. We need to determine what we need from the program and data workgroups to determine how to link the necessary funding
  4. We need to a.) identify our targeted clients, b.) identify desired outcomes, c.) identify client needs in terms of services needed to meet those needs, d.) perform cost analysis, e.) identify our funding streams, f.) determine the payment system, g.) identify needed accountability in terms of auditing, performance measurements, incentives, penalties, etc. (Keep in mind, some of these items are pre-funding issues.)
  5. We need to remember a.) that mental health is important to achieve the objective of children's better health and welfare, b.) it can be difficult for children and families talking to a social worker that they don't know, especially if the foster youth is from another county. Note: The approval process for mental health treatment services was difficult and this issue needs to be addressed.
  6. We need to get access to more detailed information regarding the population of youth that we are currently serving.
  7. We need to keep in mind that the educational voice is currently a bit lacking. The county offices of Education should also be participating in this effort.
  8. One of the youth indicated that he had recently exited high school, but indicated that while he was in school he was "generalized." However, due to AB 167, he was able to graduate on time. His point was that foster youth need better representation in the schools with an emphasis on foster care liaison.
  9. The Department of Education does have a work group working on issues concerning AB 114.
  10. We need to place more value on education stability. We need more flexibility in this area which may grow to include online services.

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11. We need to remember children that are placed out of state. There are approximately 2,000 children coming and going out of state at any one time. Probation utilizes this placement setting the most.
  12. Probation requests that we keep in mind enabling access to various funding sources for their needs, as well.
  13. We need be aware of the gaps in services and funding.
  14. We need to learn about Wraparound, how it is used, how it impacts group care. We need to take into consideration the IV-E waiver, how the waiver can be used to obtain the flexibility we need to change group care on an ongoing basis. We may want to consider some sort of waiver that applies statewide. We may give consideration to a defined pilot approach to the purchase of services for the high need children
  15. We should explore the idea of obtaining a waiver that would allow currently unallowable support costs, such as social work, etc. that would enable us to save money over all.
  16. We need state and county mental health people in this room making decisions together.
  17. We need to determine how we go forward when the waiver period is over.
  18. We need to consider how the Katie A settlement agreement affects our efforts.
  19. We need to keep in mind that Region IX is really focused on well-being as we go forward with our work in this effort.
  20. A comment was made that there is no dialogue regarding the children that are in prison or are on their way to prison because of the lack in the foster care system. There needs to be some focus in this area to prevent or intervene to ensure children avoid prison.
  21. Children enter foster care with no means to pay for college. Can there be some consideration for adequate funding for foster youth to attend a university?
  22. We need to consider treatment programs that can provide tutorial services. (This is a message to the Program workgroup.)
  23. We need to include dialogue with foster parents.
  24. We need to ensure that Needs Assessments are evaluated.
  25. We need to give thought to oversight considerations.
  26. We need to ensure that services are available in the areas where they are effective and needed
- Complete Workgroup roster; each member identifying expertise/experience:  
See above for workgroup attendees. See attached roster for member expertise and experience.
  - Establish next work group meeting date and modality:  
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 9/24/12 at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Location: CDSS, exact room, TBD
  - Establish first workgroup meeting objective(s):
    1. Gain a clear understanding of:
      - a. Katie A
      - b. Funding Streams
      - c. Eligibility Criteria
      - d. Wraparound
      - e. RBS
      - f. ITFC

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- g. The population we serve
  - h. Placements
  - i. Probation Youth Placements (40%-45%)
  - j. Crossover Youth
2. Provide an overview of the current system and previous reform efforts.
3. Develop a group definition of what we are doing.

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### ACTION ITEMS

	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status
1	Data on Foster Youth Placement	Vince Richardson	9/24/12	
2	RCL Presentation	Debra Williams/Cora Dixon	9/24/12	
3	Wraparound and Title IV-E Waiver	Caroline Caton	9/24/12	
4	RBS and ITFC/MTFC	Doug Johnson	9/24/12	
5	Out of County Mental Health	Diana Boyer	9/24/12	

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### AGREEMENTS

	Agreements Made	Date
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### Ground Rules

- Start and end meetings on time
- Start with the end in mind
- Every meeting will have an agenda and participants will stick to the agenda
- Use parking lot for off topic issues
- All meeting attendees are expected to participate in discussions and decisions
- One conversation at a time – no interruptions or side conversations
- Respect others' opinions (seek first to understand)
- Attend all meetings or send a knowledgeable backup
- Obtain authority to make decisions
- Be accountable (complete assignments or notify team/project leader)
- Be open minded, flexible, concise, positive
- Don't personalize
- Have fun!